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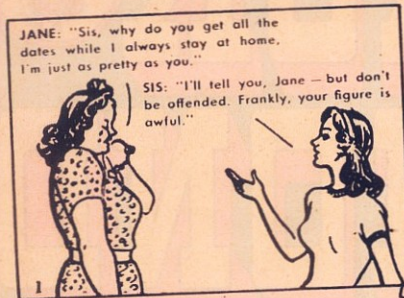




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# THE DEATH OF BLACK DIAMOND

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN RUTHLESS, SCHEMING SILK HAT  
PULLS THE TRIGGER?



IF ALL THE OUTLAWS AND DESPERADOS BOB VALE RODÉ TO JUSTICE UNDER THE GUISE OF THE BLACK DIAMOND, NONE WAS SO RUTHLESS AND POWERFUL AS SLIGHT, **SCHOLARLY SILK HAT!** SELF-IMPOSED MAYOR, JUDGE, AND SHERIFF HE BROUGHT A BRAND OF JUSTICE TO THUNDER BASIN THAT SHOCKED THE WEST! READ WHAT HAPPENED WHEN HE SENTENCED BUMPER TO HANG AND "KILLED" THE **BLACK DIAMOND!**

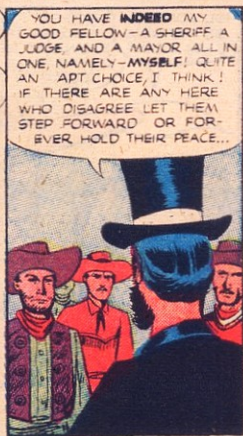
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**T**HUNDER BASIN, ROARING, BRAWLING MINING CAMP—UNTAMED AND LAWLESS, DOUBLING IN POPULATION EACH WEEK...

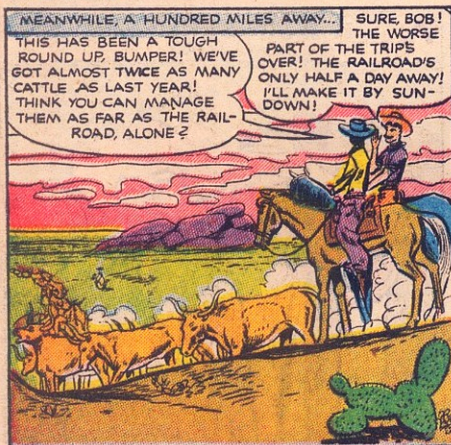
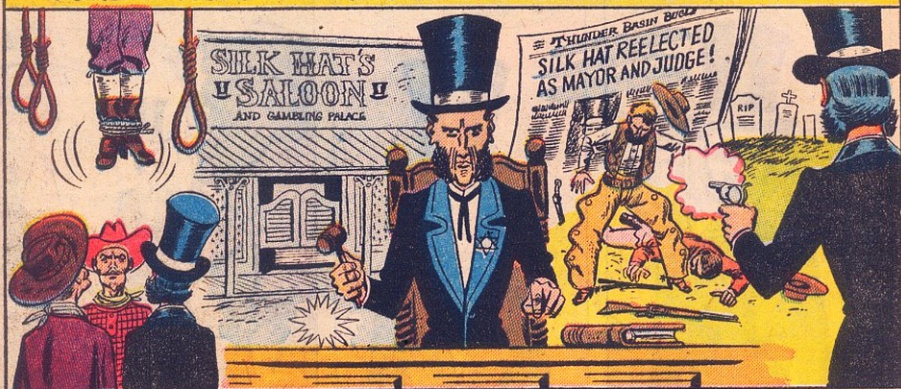








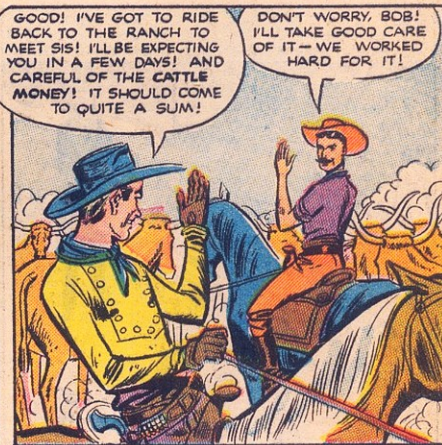
**I**N THE FOLLOWING YEAR THE REPUTATION OF SILK HAT'S JUSTICE SPREAD ACROSS THE WEST! HIS MOCK TRIALS AND REIGN OF TERROR AS BOSS OF THUNDER BASIN GAINED HIM A FORTUNE! THOSE WHO SOUGHT TO OPPOSE HIM OR BRING THE RIGHTFUL AUTHORITIES WENT DOWN UNDER HIS LIGHTNING GUNS!



MEANWHILE, A HUNDRED MILES AWAY...

THIS HAS BEEN A TOUGH ROUND UP, BUMPER! WE'VE GOT ALMOST TWICE AS MANY CATTLE AS LAST YEAR! THINK YOU CAN MANAGE THEM AS FAR AS THE RAILROAD, ALONE?

SURE BOB! THE WORSE PART OF THE TRIPS OVER! THE RAILROAD'S ONLY HALF A DAY AWAY! I'LL MAKE IT BY SUN-DOWN!



GOOD! I'VE GOT TO RIDE BACK TO THE RANCH TO MEET SIS! I'LL BE EXPECTING YOU IN A FEW DAYS! AND CAREFUL OF THE CATTLE MONEY! IT SHOULD COME TO QUITE A SUM!

DON'T WORRY, BOB! I'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT—WE WORKED HARD FOR IT!



HERE'S YOUR MONEY, BUMPER! AND A TIDY BIT IT IS!

THANKS, MR. MILLER! WE CAN FIND PLenty OF USE TO PUT IT TO!



YOU GOING TO BE HEADING BACK NOW?

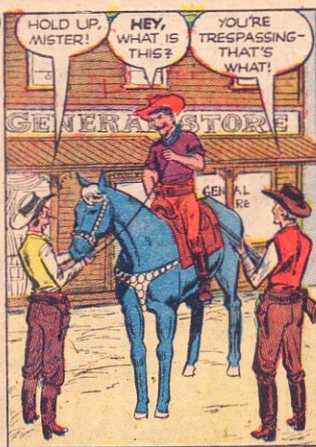
RIGHT! I'LL CUT THROUGH THUNDER BASIN, AND BE BACK ON THE RANCH IN A COUPLE OF DAYS!



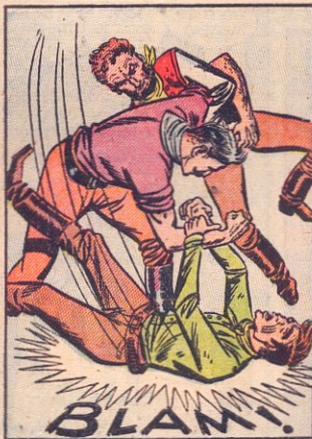
THUNDER BASIN? TAKE MY ADVICE AND STEER CLEAR OF THAT TOWN! IT'S FULL OF CUTTHROATS AND BAD MEN—AND HEADED BY THE WORST OF THE LOT—SILK HAT!

I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF! BE-SIDES, IT'S A SHORT CUT, AND I'M IN A HURRY TO GET BACK!

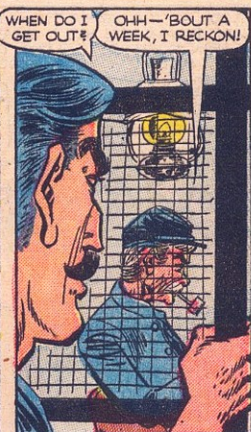




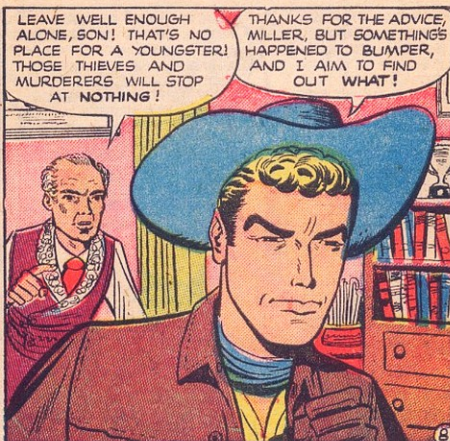
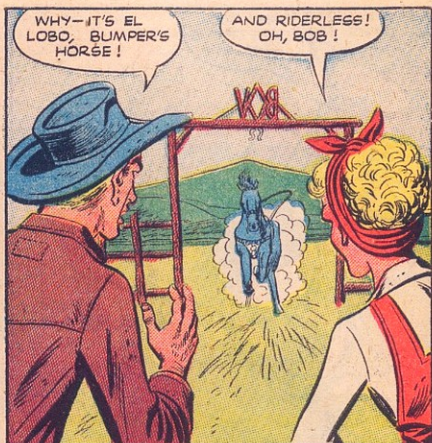
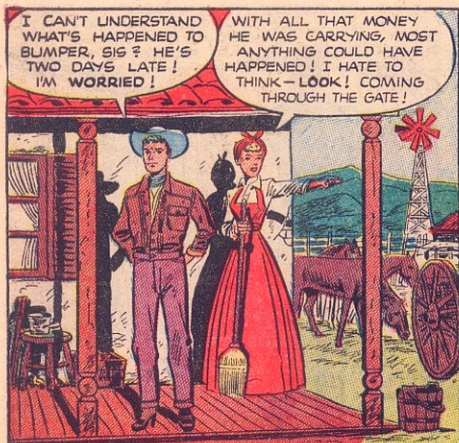












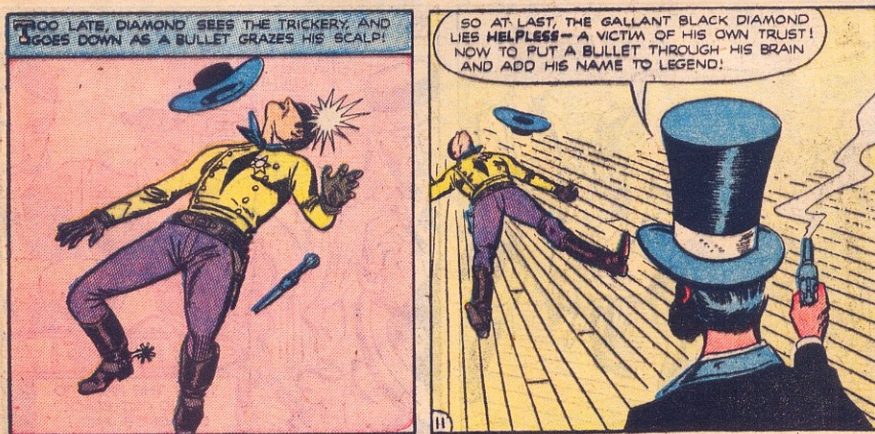


















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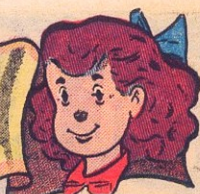
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MISS MACY,  
PLEASE, I CAN'T  
HEAR YOU AND  
I CAN'T SEE  
YOU.



WELL, SON,  
HOW DID  
THINGS GO  
IN SCHOOL  
TODAY?

TOO BAD I CAN'T  
HEAR OR SEE THE  
TEACHER. I COULD  
LIKE SCHOOL IF  
THEY'D ONLY GIVE  
ME A CHANCE.

WHAT ARE WE  
GOING TO DO, DAD?  
ALL THE CHILDREN  
SAY THE SCHOOL  
IS CROWDED. THEY  
GO ONLY HALF  
DAY.

IF ALL OUR NEIGHBORS WORK TOGETHER,  
WE CAN GET MORE AND BETTER SCHOOLS.  
CHILDREN NEED GOOD SCHOOLS. EVERY  
COMMUNITY NEEDS PEOPLE WHO  
HAVE LEARNED HOW TO WORK  
AND BE HAPPY BY GOING TO  
SCHOOL.

NO MATTER WHAT YOUR  
CHILDREN GROW UP TO BE,  
YOU NEED A GOOD  
SCHOOL.



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VOTE, YOU WILL NEED  
AN EDUCATION.



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HOW OTHERS WON BETTER  
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# WILL BLACK DIAMOND BE BURIED ALIVE?



IT'S  
RELIAPON!  
HE'S AFTER  
YOU! WATCH  
OUT!!

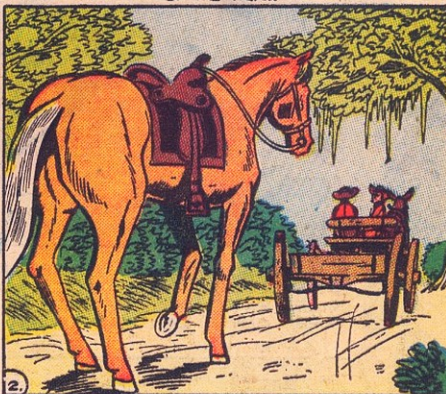
HE'S GONE  
PLUM  
LOCO!

**I**N A SHALLOW SEVEN BY THREE GRAVE LIES THE BLACK DIAMOND UNCONSCIOUS FROM A SCALP WOUND—BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED BY SILK HAT! HE FACES AN EVEN MORE HORRIBLE DEATH—BURIED ALIVE! CAN RELIAPON, HIS FAITHFUL STALLION, SAVE HIM FROM THIS FATE?

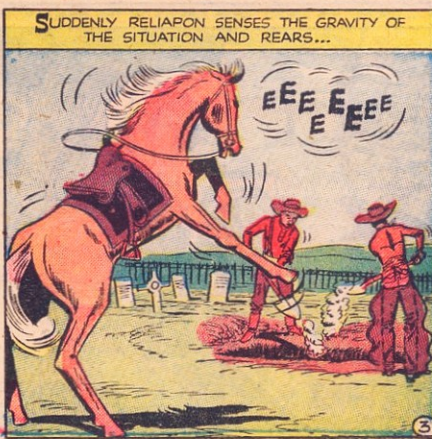




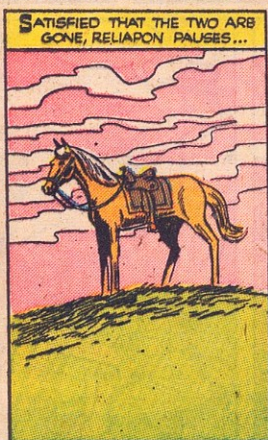
AND SO FAITHFUL RELIAPON FOLLOWS AFTER HIS MASTER, NOT UNDERSTANDING THE MEANING OF THE TRIP...





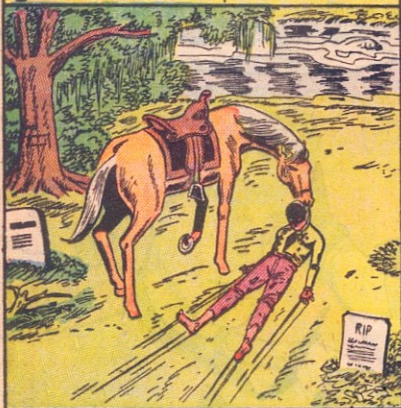




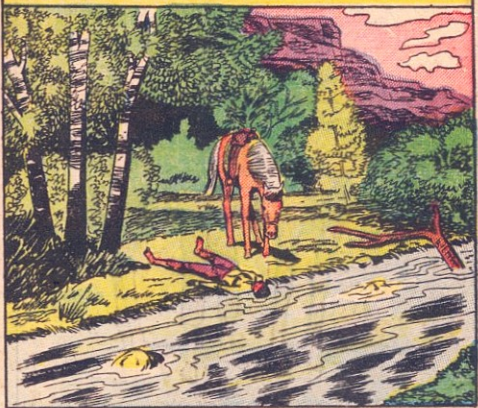




ONCE ON LEVEL GROUND HE DRAGS HIM SLOWLY...



...TO A NEARBY STREAM AND DEPOSITS HIM GENTLY...



FOR SOME TIME, DIAMOND LAYS QUIET WITH THE WATER SWIRLING ABOUT HIS HEAD, THEN SUDDENLY...



MY HEAD—WHAT HAPPENED? WH...WHERE THE HECK AM I? NOW I REMEMBER—SILK HAT! THE DUEL! BUT HOW DID I GET HERE?



GOOD OLD RELIAPON! THOSE ARE YOUR TRACKS—THEY LEAD UP THE HILL! AND THESE SCRATCHES ON MY FACE—YOU MUST HAVE DRAGGED ME—BUT FROM WHERE?



GOOD LORD! A FRESHLY DUG GRAVE—THEY MUST HAVE TAKEN ME FOR DEAD AND TRIED TO BURY ME!



RELIAPON—YOU SAVED MY LIFE AGAIN!



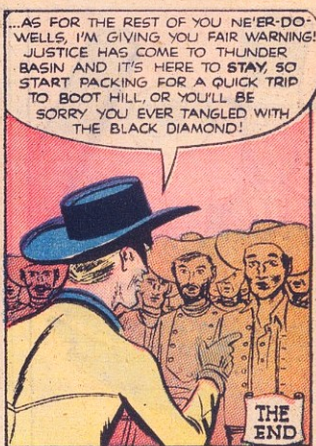














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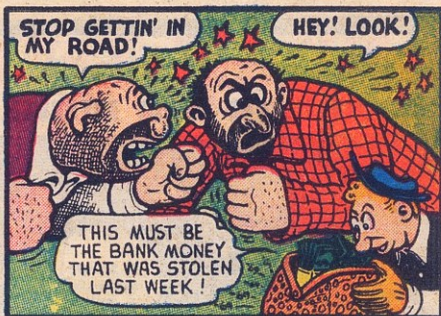
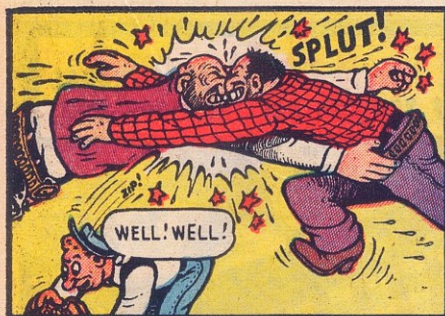
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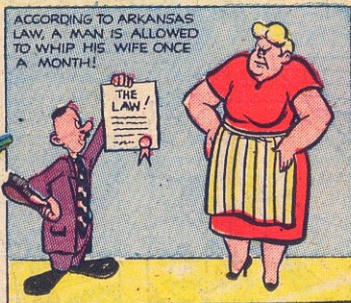


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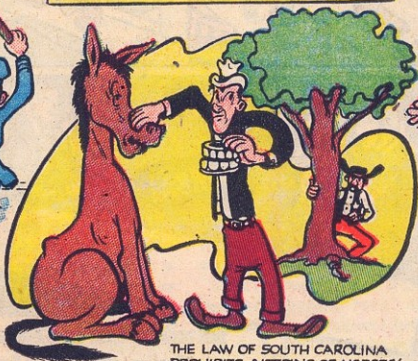
IT'S ILLEGAL TO FALL ASLEEP WHILE A BARBER SHAVES YOU, IN ERIE, PA.!



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THE LAW OF WILMINGTON, DEL. PROHIBITS SLIDING ON ICY SIDEWALKS!



THE LAW OF SOUTH CAROLINA PROHIBITS ALTERING OF HORSES' TEETH TO DECEIVE PROSPECTIVE BUYERS!



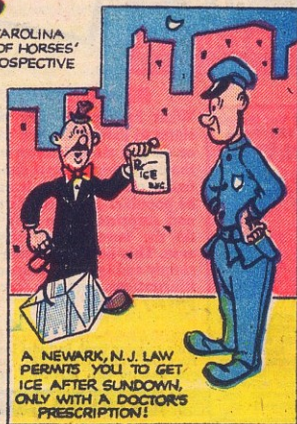
YOU MUST NOT WEAR FALSE WHISKERS IN LOS ANGELES, CAL.!



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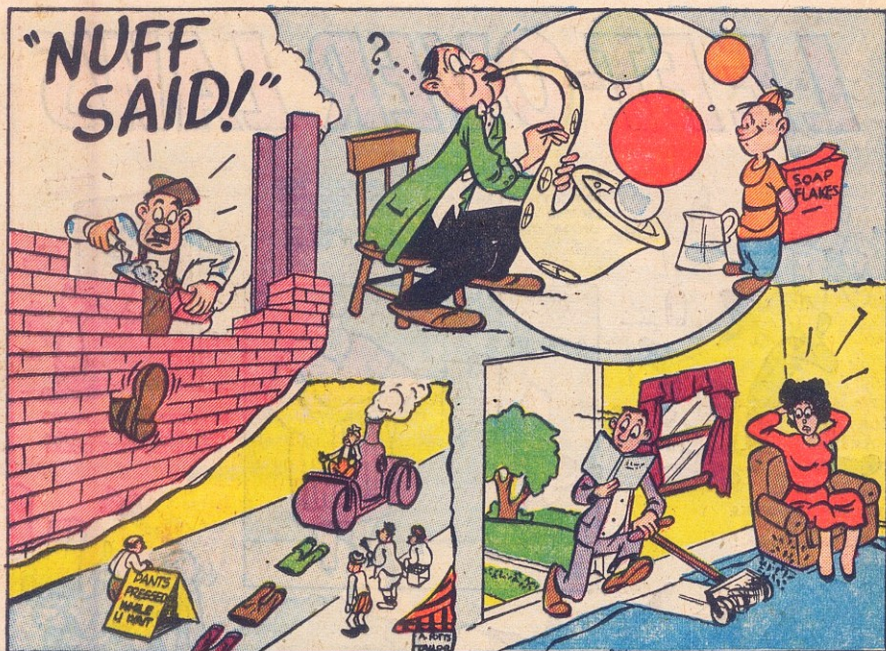


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# THE IRISH "DUDE"

JUST because John "Irish" O'Reilly hailed from Boston and spoke with a broad "A," when he hit the town of Blue Mesa, New Mexico the Blue Mesa-ites thought he was a sissy. Yet, until proved otherwise, any newcomer was considered a sissy in Blue Mesa. This, however, was before anyone had tangled with "Irish." Even though "Irish" was born and raised in Boston, the westerners couldn't hold it against him because his uncle, Bill "Irish" O'Reilly had been a true westerner and one of the first settlers in the Blue Mesa area. As a matter of fact, that's why John "Irish" O'Reilly rode the stage into Blue Mesa on a clear spring evening just as the sun sank swiftly behind the mountains.

As Irish pulled his long frame from the stage he queried the driver "I'm looking for Mr. Harrison, the attorney. Any idea where I can find him?"

"Maybe you can catch him at the office. Just two doors down from the post office," drawled the driver.

Irish walked down the street, feeling the eyes of the loungers at the post office on him. He entered at the second door from the post office, just as a grey-haired man came out. Irish stepped aside and said, "I beg your pardon, sir, are you Mr. Harrison?"

"Why," replied the elderly man, "You must be John O'Reilly. I've been expecting you."

"How did you know me?" queried Irish.

"How could I miss that red hair. I knew your uncle well," replied Harrison, "In fact, I bet they call you 'Irish' too! Come on out to the house, we've lot's to talk about—and you need a place to stay. Matt Drew, the new Land Clerk is coming out tonight and this will be a good chance for you to meet him."

After a pleasant dinner, seated comfortably before the fire at Harrison's ranch, Harrison got down to business.

"I'm glad you're here, son. We all hated to see your uncle go, but the next best thing is having you here." Harrison told Irish of his uncle's death and the will in which he left his land claim here in Blue Mesa to his only heir—John "Irish" O'Reilly.

"And," Irish picked up the conversation, "I guess I have the same adventurous spirit as the old man. I had to hop the first stage and get out here fast."

"I'll show you the land grant," said Harrison as he went to an old safe, unlocked it and carefully withdrew some papers. He handed them to Irish, and said, "I'm awfully glad you're here son. Something funny is going on in this town and in the surrounding country, and I haven't yet got enough legal proof to put my finger on it."

"What's going on?" quizzically answered Irish.

"Just last week Jeff Martin had to leave his ranch because some easterner came in with claim papers that made Jeff's look phoney. Jeff couldn't sue, he had no money and he felt he was stickin' his neck out to sue the U.S.A. Several people, and I'm sure honest people, have been ousted from their land, which they thought was legally theirs, and they have been left without a penny or an acre."

"But," interjected Irish and addressed Matt Drew, the land clerk, "How can that be done?" A claim is a claim. How can it be otherwise?"

"In this part of the country law is a little different than back in Boston," replied Matt, "A legal problem is usually settled by the one who reaches for the trigger first. However, on these land claims there is inevitably a mix-up. Tracking down a rightful owner is a difficult job because of lack of records, Spanish land grants and because of squatters. Sometimes a very legal set of papers will get you nowhere because someone else has a set of papers that look *more* legal."

"No one had better tangle with me over my land," steamed Irish, his blue eyes gleaming.

"To the extent of my knowledge, and Matt's too, your papers are legal," added Harrison, "and if anything happens to you there will be fireworks."

For a week or so Irish was busy getting his ranch in running order. A great deal of his time was spent learning to ride and shoot which he tried to do with no one knowing it. He'd heard too many remarks like, "You easterners couldn't plug the west side of the mesa at ten feet," or, "You Bostonians ride a horse like an Englishman out for a Sunday trot," and Irish didn't want to be the goat for these jibes. He heard the remarks the first day he rode into town and was determined to have the loungers at the post office eat those words the next time he appeared.

One day Irish invited Harrison out to look the ranch over. Irish proudly rode with him over the land, showing him everything and telling him his plans. After they had dinner and were comfortably settled down, Harrison broke the comfortable silence.

"I hate to break this to you, Irish," he said, "But I've waited long enough. After seeing your land this afternoon, and seeing your pride in it, it's harder for me to spill. But there's a man in town named McKettrick. He just arrived last week and filed a claim with Drew for THIS property. It's another of those legal documents and I'm afraid we're sunk."

"Sunk!" cried Irish, as he leaped from his chair. "Do you mean to say that you don't believe



that my uncle got this land under absolutely legal terms?"

"I don't mean that at all, Irish, but what can we do? We can go to court," Harrison continued, "but that means we'll lose everything and more. I'm willing and eager to do it with you and for you. But I hate to get you into debt, or even worse. For me, it doesn't matter."

"Well," said Irish, who had cooled off somewhat, "let's let it ride for the time being and I'll do some snooping around. Think I'll go to the County Seat tomorrow."

The next morning, Irish, after a long and dusty ride from Blue Mesa to Glendon, the County Seat, entered the office of the County Land Clerk. The outer room was empty. Irish walked to the door of the inner office and started to knock but was halted by the sound of a voice from the other side.

"But . . . O'Reilly is smarter . . . go to court . . . where will we be . . . forged documents . . ."

That voice! Irish racked his brain. It was familiar, low, smooth. Too low, too smooth—he couldn't catch the words in between. But, he'd heard enough. "The voice, the voice," he thought, "DREW, MATT DREW! The agent in Blue Mesa!"

Irish quickly left the office. He walked across the street out of view of the Land Office. His thoughts raced. "If this town, the County Seat—Glendon, of all places, is the center of illegal activity, how can anyone in the County be safe? And if the land clerk from Blue Mesa is in the ring—who else is? Where do they get the documents?"

Irish kept his eye on the Land Office, hoping to catch sight of the occupants of the inner office as they left. Finally they came out—three men. One of them he knew was DREW.

At a safe distance, Irish followed the men. Drew stopped at the hotel but the other two continued down the street to the newspaper office. Irish patiently waited and after a half hour or so one man came out. He was short and stout and dark haired. Again Irish followed him, but his pursuit was not far. The man went into the Land Office, just where he'd come from. Before Irish went into the Land Office he sauntered back to the newspaper office and walked in.

"Howdy," he said, as he walked in, recognizing the third man he'd followed. "I'm Irish O'Reilly from Boston. Just in town for the day, but I thought I'd pop in and see how you operate a newspaper out here in the wild west. I've been in the newspaper business all my life in Boston."

"Hello," the man greeted, "I'm Joe Stone. We have the best newspaper in the county. Ha, ha . . . it's the only one."

"How'd you ever get your presses out here? That must have been a long haul for someone?" asked Irish.

"Quite a job, son," Stone said.

After passing the time of day for a few minutes, Irish, who had been casually studying the office, finally said, "Well, I guess I'd better tend to business. Nice to meet you and thanks for showing me around."

Irish left the newspaper office, walked down the street to the Land Office again, entered and was greeted by Bill Blake, Land Agent for the county.

"Howdy, O'Reilly," greeted Blake, after Irish introduced himself. "Come in. Drew was down here today to tell me about your claims so that will save preliminaries. I don't know that I can help you at all. In fact, I'd better be very blunt. McKettrick's claims are legal government claims and all I can do is tell you that he has the right to the land."

"I thought you might have something more than that to offer," Irish said as he held his temper down. "I don't see how anyone's claims could be more legal than mine and I intend to go to court about it. I'll start at the county court and go to the *Supreme Court* if necessary. But I know I'm right. If proved wrong, I'm willing and ready to spend the rest of my life in debt—or even in jail."

With that final statement, Irish left the office.

At ten o'clock that evening Irish went directly to the newspaper office. Only the copy boy was in. He inquired if he'd left his hat there during the day. While the copy boy was looking for the hat, Irish grabbed him, gagged him and tied him to a chair. Irish quickly got the keys from the boy, found his way to a back room, unlocked the door and there were the presses and files he'd hoped to find. There were files of supposedly legal government land claims and the presses to turn them out. Irish grabbed several forged claims from the files, locked the room, untied the copy boy and handed him a large greenback, then he raced out the door, jumped on his horse and rode swiftly back to Blue Mesa.

Arriving in town about midnight, hating to disturb Harrison, but feeling that justice was more important than eight hours sleep, he banged on the door. Harrison came sleepily to the door and muttered, "Irish! What are you doing here?" He awakened soon enough when he heard and saw the evidence that Irish had.

"Hurry—let's go!" he said, "We'd better catch them all before they're wise."

Harrison raced after Irish; they jumped on their horses and rode into town to the sheriff's office. After rounding up the sheriff they went directly to Matt Drews' and handcuffed him before he was half awake. The sheriff, with Irish, rode back to Glendon and grabbed Blake in Glendon from a sound sleep. Joe Stone, the newspaper editor, was roused and put behind bars. McKettrick, who no one had even seen before, was innocently sleeping at the Glendon Hotel. He got word that the sheriff and Irish were on the way, jumped out the window and broke his leg.

Irish settled down on his legal ranch and henceforth rode into town without a worry of a remark from the loungers at the post office about easterners being sissies. No one dared again to tell Irish O'Reilly he rode like an Englishman or fired like a Bostonian.

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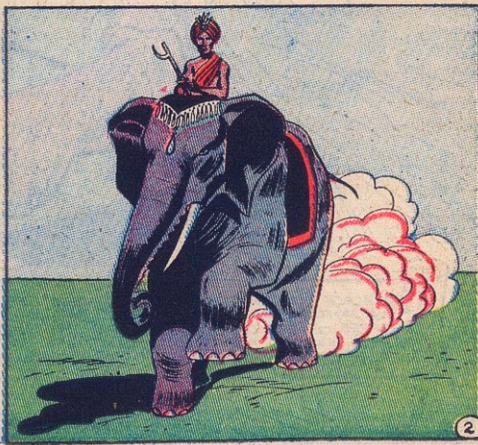
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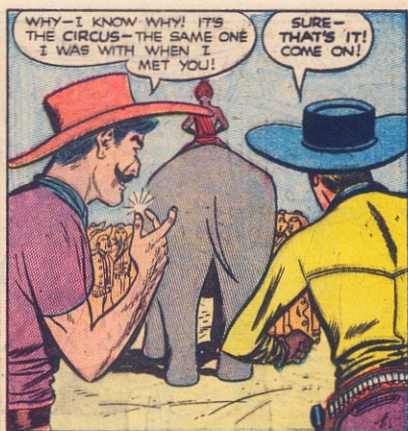
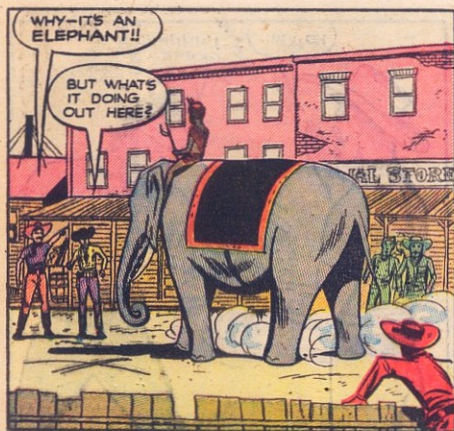


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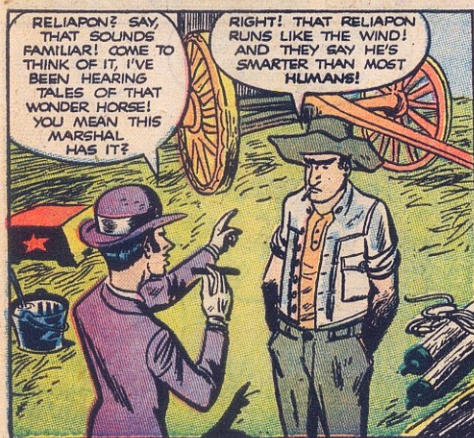
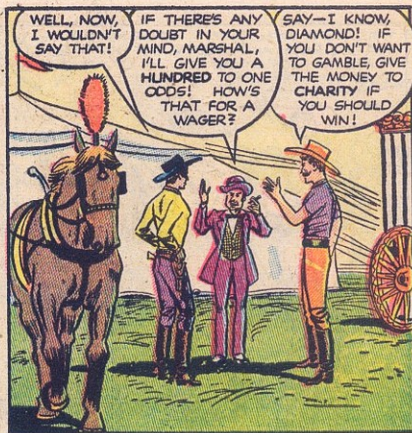




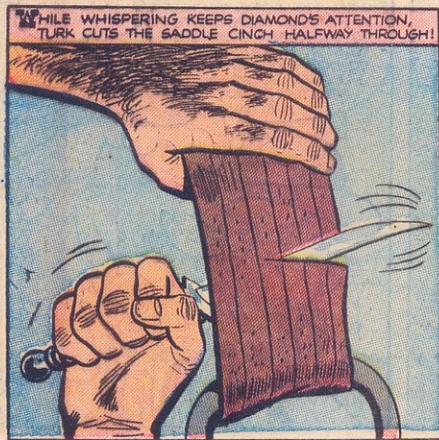




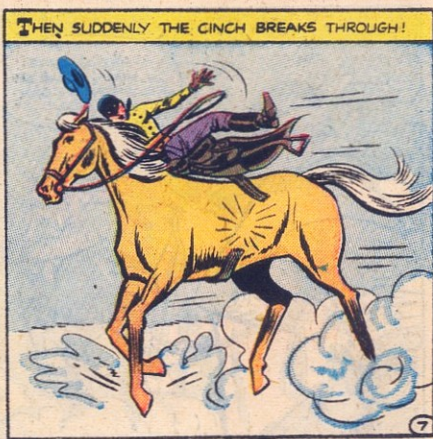
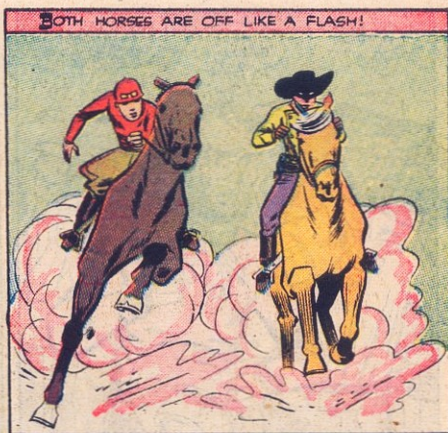
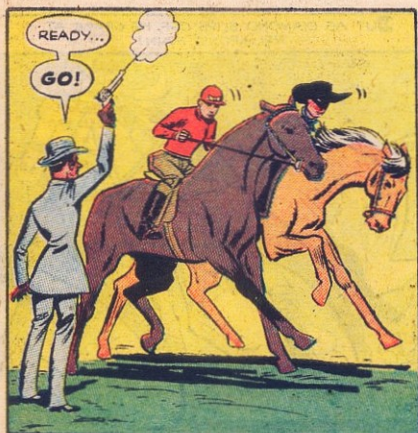




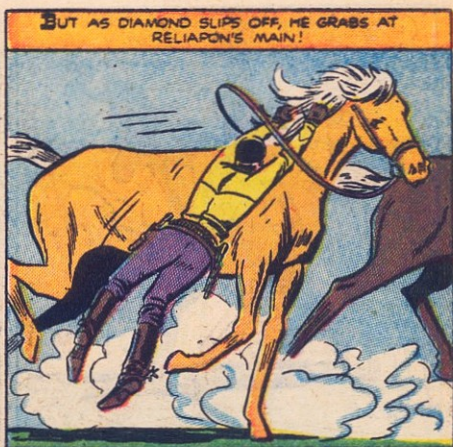




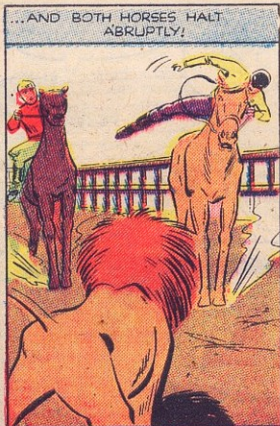
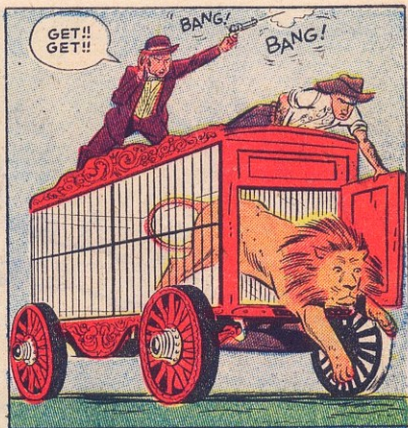
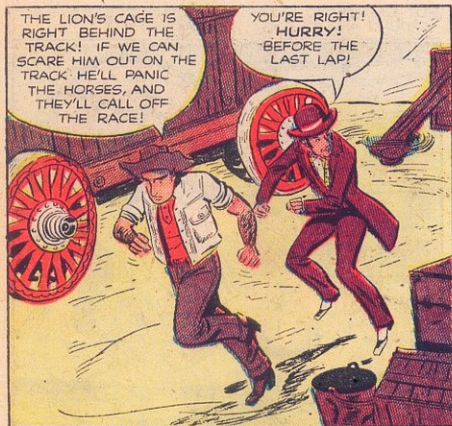








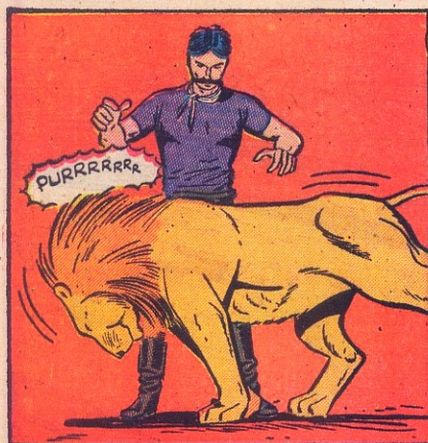
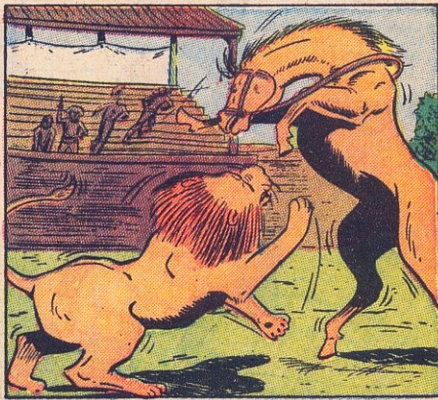








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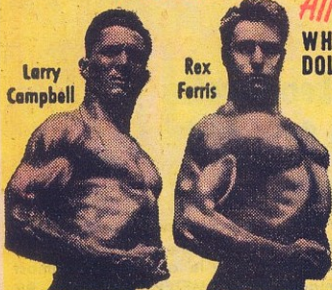


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At last! Here's a pocket adding machine so easy to use that it adds, subtracts, aids in multiplication, too, in a jiffy... almost like magic. KALKOMETER adds up to 99 million and will pay for itself over and over again in a saving of costly mistakes. Every business man, retail store, housewife will find many uses for KALKOMETER. You will be thrilled at the fast, accurate results... act at once and receive free leatherette case and stylus.

## CLICK AND YOUR ANSWER APPEARS EXACTLY RIGHT

KALKOMETER pocket adding machine is a new advancement in this push button age. Eliminates complicated old method of getting the correct answer to addition, subtraction and multiplication... click... you add or subtract. You have the correct answer in large easy-to-understand numbers before you.

## EVERYONE NEEDS A KALKOMETER

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## FEATURES

- Made right here in the good old U.S.A.
- Adds • Subtracts • Aids in multiplication
- Thin as a cigarette case • Slips conveniently in pocket or hand bag
- Large, easy to read numbers • Illustrated with simplified self-teaching, illustrated and printed ABC instructions • Furnished with Stylus and free leatherette case • Weighs just a few ounces

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Size  
3 1/2" by 5"



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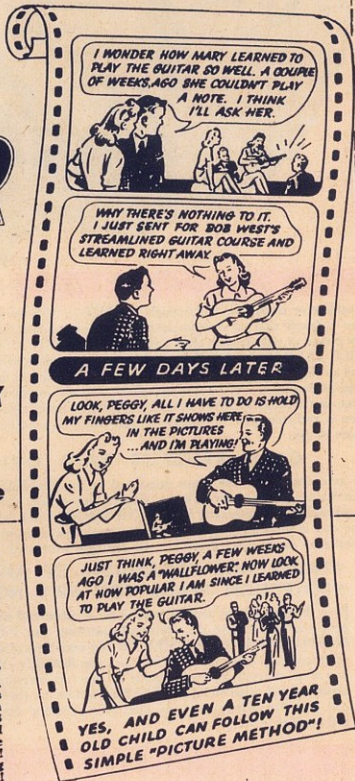
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